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VIA EFCS

March 24, 2017

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Notice of Forbearance from Lifeline BIAS Requirements

WC Docket No. 11-42

Dear Ms. Dortch,

In accordance with the FCC's Lifeline Modernization Order¹ and the Wireline Competition Bureau's Forbearance Public Notice², Smithville Telephone Company, Incorporated provides this notice of acceptance of forbearance relief.

Smithville Telephone Company was authorized as a high-cost ETC by the Mississippi Public Service Commission's Final Order in Docket No. 97-AD-552 issued December 16th, 1997.

Forbearance is selected for census blocks within or partially within Smithville Telephone's single Study Area 280467 that were not authorized for A-CAM funding. A list of these census blocks in Excel format (280467_forbearance_03242017.xlsx) is included as a part of this notice.

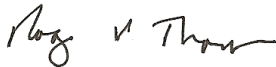
Smithville Telephone received a first payment of A-CAM support on February 28, 2017 and no longer receives high-cost support in the census blocks where A-CAM funding isn't provided.

Notwithstanding this forbearance election, Smithville Telephone will offer Lifeline broadband internet access service where it is commercially available in the blocks that do not receive A-CAM funding.

A copy of this notice and the Excel file will also be emailed to TelcoLifeline@USAC.org.

Questions may be directed to me using the information given above or by email to roger@traceroad.net.

Sincerely,



Roger V. Thompson
President

Attachment

¹ Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization, Third Report and Order, Further Report and Order, and Order on Reconsideration (April 27, 2016)

² Wireline Competition Bureau Provides Guidance Regarding Filing Procedures for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Seeking to Invoke Forbearance Granted by Lifeline Modernization Order, Public Notice, WC Docket No. 11-42 (November 22, 2016)